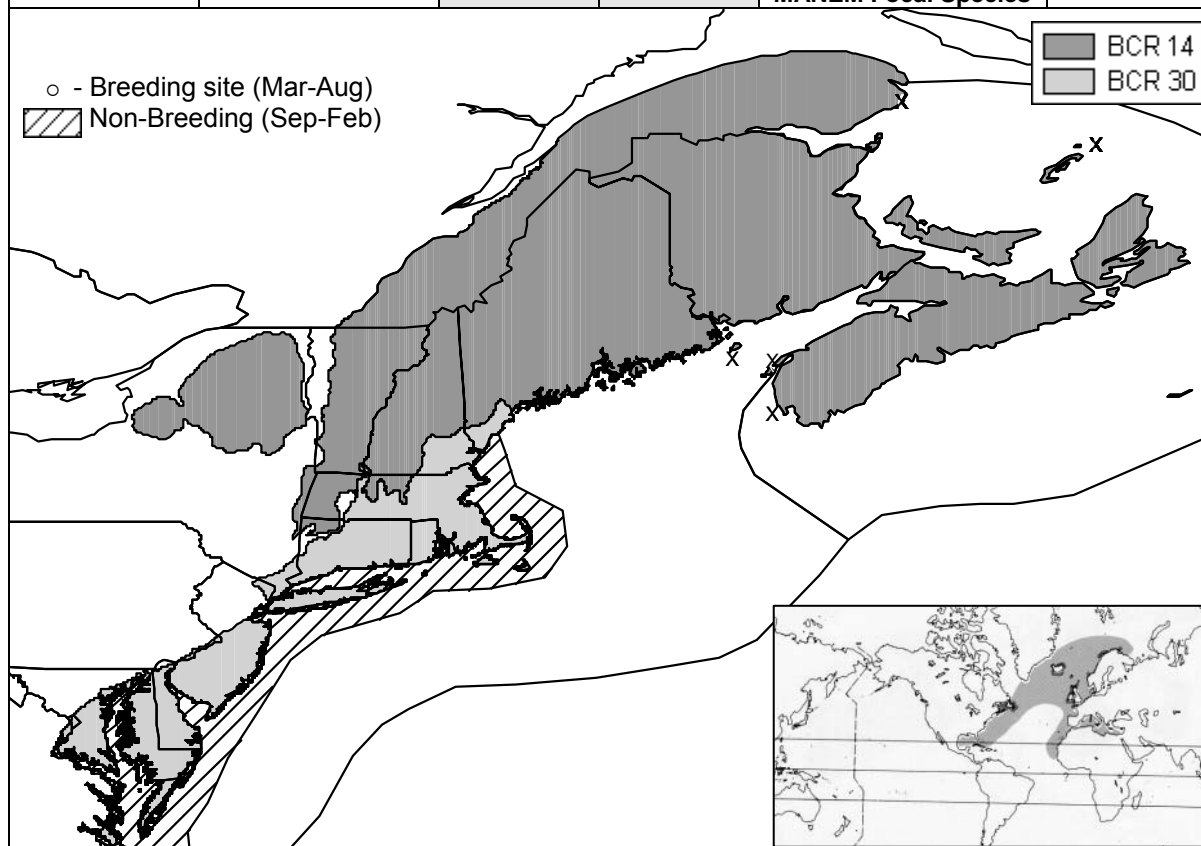


## NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*)

<b>Conservation Status:</b> Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals), Population Importance (% reference population) and Conservation Rank							
Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
?	155,456 (? % global)	107,640b (69% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	?b (? % MANEM)	107,640b (100% MANEM)
IUCN Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Not currently at risk	Low	Not at risk	NJ- SZN; DE-SZN; MD-SZN; VA-SN <b>MANEM Focal Species</b>	NY-S?N; CT, VT-no info; RI- SZN; MA-SN	MA-SN; NH-SZN; ME - S4S5N; NB-SHB, S5M, S5N; NS- S5M	QC-S4; NB-SHB, S5M, S5N; PE-S5N; NS- S5M <b>MANEM Focal Species</b>



### Regional Occurrence [BCRs 14 (LME 8), 30 (LME 7)]

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14, pelagic in region
- Habitats used: pelagic; breeding: open ground on flat-topped islands, occasionally on rocky slopes and cliffs along coasts; foraging: during breeding, forages intensively within 60 km, but range 180 km from colonies; relatively shallow continental-shelf waters; from surface to 15 m; feed on mackerel

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=2

### Regional Abundance

- Current population size: Canada—107,640b (2 colonies)
- Historical population size: Canada—? (5 colonies)
- Increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=1

### Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Predator introductions in nesting colonies
- Gill nets, long-lines, overfishing of forage species
- Potential impact from offshore wind and petroleum development
- Susceptible to environmental contaminants due to position in food chain
- Climate change (rising sea temperatures)

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=3

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 65% young fledged from eggs laid; *Conservation Actions:* Influence of fisheries taking Atlantic mackerel unclear; *Needs:* monitor wind development projects, reduce by-catch; *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 96,800-118,400b; *Habitat Goals:* TBD